

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION

June 19, 2019

Municipal Court Room-Oak Creek Police Department

1) Members in Attendance

Richard Duchniak, Andy Ahearn, Ralph Kneusel, Rudy Umbs and Matthew Sullivan

2) Review of Minutes

Motion by Richard Duchniak and seconded by Ralph Kneusel to approve the minutes from November 14, 2018.

(5 Ayes, 0 Nays)

3) Old Business

A. None

4) New Business

A. Request to install “STOP” sign on S. 3rd Avenue at the intersection of S. 3rd Avenue and E. Barton Road.

- a. There were three residents in attendance for this item. Residents at the meeting in support of the request. The resident’s main concern at the intersection was speeding, inattentive drivers and pedestrian safety. The commission explained that additional “STOP” signs are not used for speed control and that when installed for the wrong reasons the opposite effect can occur (non-compliance). This would be even more important for pedestrian safety and that it has the potential to very dangerous for pedestrians. The commission did not support the installation of stop sign but was more interested in exploring other options for this intersection. Engineering will be introducing an item at the next meeting in July.

Motion to deny the request to install “STOP” sign on S. 3rd Avenue at the intersection of S. 3rd Avenue and E. Barton Road, made by Richard Duchniak, and seconded by Rudy Umbs.

5 – Ayes

0 – Nays

B. Request to install pedestrian crossing signs at intersection of E. Drexel Avenue and S. Quincy Avenue.

- a. There was nobody in attendance for this item. The commission’s main concern at the intersection was volume of traffic and the speeds of travel. The commission discussed the item in more detail regarding expanding the request to include high visibility pavement markings (Ladder style) and additional “No Parking” signs at the intersection. The commission did support the installation of pedestrian crossing signs and the inclusion of high visibility pavement markings but wanted to have the “No Parking” signs included on a future agenda.

Motion to approve the request to install pedestrian crossing signs at intersection of E. Drexel Avenue and S. Quincy Avenue with “high visibility” pavement markings, made by Rudy Umbs, and seconded by Richard Duchniak.

5 – Ayes

0 – Nays

C. Request to install pedestrian crossing signs at intersection of E. Drexel Avenue and S. Clement Avenue.

- a. There was nobody in attendance for this item. The commission's main concern at the intersection was volume of traffic and the speeds of travel. The commission discussed the item in more detail regarding expanding the request to include high visibility pavement markings (Ladder style) and additional "No Parking" signs at the intersection. The commission did support the installation of pedestrian crossing signs and the inclusion of high visibility pavement markings but wanted to have the "No Parking" signs included on a future agenda.

Motion to approve the request to install pedestrian crossing signs at intersection of E. Drexel Avenue and S. Clement Avenue with "high visibility" pavement markings, made by Rudy Umbs, and seconded by Richard Duchniak.

5 – Ayes
0 – Nays

D. Request to install "STOP AHEAD" signs with orange flags and additional "STOP" signs at the intersection of E. Puetz Road and S. 15th Avenue.

- a. There was nobody in attendance for this item. The commission discussed the request, accident history, visual restrictions and the requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The commission felt these additional signs and flags were being used for the correct purpose and would bring more attention to the stop signs when the drivers approached the intersections. The commission did support the proposed installation.

Motion to approve the request to install "STOP AHEAD" signs with orange flags and additional "STOP" signs at the intersection of E. Puetz Road and S. 15th Avenue, made by Matthew Sullivan, and seconded by Richard Duchniak.

5 – Ayes
0 – Nays

E. Request to install "ROUGH CROSSING" plaques and relocate "RAILROAD CROSSING" signs on E. Puetz Road at Union Pacific crossing (east of Nicholson Road).

- a. There was nobody in attendance for this item. The commission discussed the request, existing conditions of the crossing and the requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The commission felt this was being used for the correct purpose and would provide an adequate warning to drivers as they approached the crossing. The commission did support the proposed installation and recommended that other crossing be inspected. If other crossings are found to be in the same condition they should be included on future agendas.

Motion to approve the request to install "ROUGH CROSSING" plaques and relocate "RAILROAD CROSSING" signs on E. Puetz Road at Union Pacific crossing (east of Nicholson Road), made by Richard Duchniak, and seconded by Ralph Kneusel.

5 – Ayes
0 – Nays

F. Discuss and take action on New Stop Sign Installation Guidelines.

- a. There was nobody in attendance for this item. The commission discussed the guidelines, and the guidelines provided in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The commission felt these guidelines were very appropriate for the City of Oak Creek. It was noted that the warrants being proposed and outlined in Section 2B.04 (MUTCD) were more appropriate than Section 2B.06 (MUTCD) for requesting a stop sign at an uncontrolled intersection. The commission did support the proposed guidelines. Commission members

wanted Yield signs removed from the guidelines.

Motion to approve the New Stop Sign Installation Guidelines with the removal of "Yield" signs, made by Matthew Sullivan, and seconded by Rudy Umbs.

5 – Ayes

0 – Nays

Note: Any new Stop Sign Request after Wednesday, June 19, 2019 8:30 pm will have to follow new guidelines. There was one request on Tuesday prior to the meeting that will be heard on the next agenda.

5) Adjournment (8:30 pm)

Motion to adjourn by Matthew Sullivan and seconded by Richard Duchniak. (5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays)

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew J. Sullivan
Secretary, Traffic and Safety Commission